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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL POLICIES

AFTERTWO-DAY MEETING UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP PM KARAMALINS,
AGRICULTURE MINISTER IVRDAANGLOU ANNOUNCED FEB 1 FOLLOWING.

1. LONG RANGE PLANS:

A. NEW MASTER AGRICULTURAL PLAN WILL BE DEVELOPED BY
REPRESENTATIVES AGRICULTURAL BANK, KEPE (ECONOMIC PLANNING
GROUP OF PM OFFICE) AND MINISTRIES AGRICULTURE AND COORDINATION
EMPHASIZING MODERNIZATION OF FARMING AND IMPROVED FARM
FAMILY LIVING CONDITIONS. (LARGER AND MORE EFFICIENT FARM UNITS
ARE TO BE FACILITATED).

B. HARMONIZATION WITH EEC AGRICULTURAL POLICIES TO BE
EXPEDITED:

(1) MAJOR EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ADHERE WINE AND VINE
PRODUCTS CAP WITHIN A YEAR.

(2) SPECIAL EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
WHICH HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL IN EEC.

(3) SPECIAL WORKING TEAM COMPOSED OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AND COORDINATION OFFICIALS WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO STUDY THE
LIVESTOCK PROBLEM IN PREPARATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
NEW LIVESTOCK POLICY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION FORTHCOMING EEC

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MEMBERSHIP.

C. AGBANK WILL EXPAND PROGRAMS FOR HOUSING AND IDLE LAND
PURCHASES BY FARMERS.

2. SHORTTERM MEASURES:

A. 1974 CROP MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE (FARMER-FROM-MERCHANT)
EXPORTABLE ORIENTAL LEAF TOBACCO FIXED AT 60 DRS/KG PLUS
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY 12. (1973 CROP SUPPORT 40 SUBSIDY 10.3;
1973 ACTUAL FARMER-FROM-MERCHANT 69.2 PLUS SUBSIDY 10.3).

B. KOUT CORN SUPPORT PRICE RAISED TO 5.30 DRS/KG (FROM 4.70).

C. COW MILK FARM PRICE INCREASED TO 5.00 DRS/KG (FROM 4.50)
AND SHEEP'S MILK 10.00 DRS/KG (FROM 9.00).

D. MINIMUM PRICE CANNERS MUST PAY FARMERS 1975 INDUSTRIAL
TOMATO CROP 1.40 DRS/KG. GOVERNMENT FARMER SUBSIDY ELIMINATED.
(1974 CANNER MINIMUM 1.15 GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY 0.25 TOTAL
FARMER MINIMUM 1.40).

E. IMPORT GATE LEVIES TO BE APPLICABLE FOR IMPORTED
FROZEN MEATS AS SOON AS CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS PERMIT.

F. VIABLE LIVESTOCK UNITS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL
DIFFICULTIES TO BE GIVEN RELIEF BY AGRICULTURAL BANK.
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